

Mr. Speaker, those with developmental disabilities and their families face a lifetime of challenges. MCAR has provided the tools necessary to ensure that those challenges are met. I would like to congratulate the founding families and everyone at MCAR—past and present. Your hands and hearts have left a positive imprint on so many lives, mine included. Last but not least, I would like to congratulate the clients of MCAR. You have come so far. Your contributions to our local community are felt in so many ways and our lives are enriched by knowing all of you. You have truly made Mercer County a better place to live.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUSS  
SODERQUIST

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a Lions Club member from Grand Junction, Colorado whose hard work and dedication has been rewarded with the highest honor given to any Lions Club member. Russ Soderquist was recently awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship, and as he celebrates his achievement, I would like to commend him for his commitment to excellence that has resulted in this honor. He is certainly a well deserving recipient of this Fellowship and I am pleased to represent him and his chapter of the Lions Club in Colorado.

Russ has served as a member of the Grand Junction chapter of the Lions Club since 1969. Throughout the years, Russ has become famous for his writing on a variety of issues and subjects, drafting letters with concerns and comments to the President of the Lions Club and his fellow citizens. What set Russ apart is that not only is he active in raising concerns to the attention of others, but he also proposes actual solutions. In addition to his letters, Russ also writes numerous articles, several of which have appeared in the Lions Club international magazine. Russ is well known throughout his community as a compassionate man who is dedicated to his community and improving the lives of others. He always conducts himself with sincerity and honesty, both in his letters and in his everyday life.

Mr. Speaker, the diligence and commitment demonstrated by Russ Soderquist certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. Russ' achievement serves as a symbol to community members throughout Colorado, and indeed the entire nation. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is an incredible honor that has been awarded to a well deserving recipient. Congratulations Russ, and thank you for all of your hard work!

JOSEPH ORSULAK HONORED ON  
OCCASION OF RETIREMENT

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the long public service of my

good friend Joseph P. Orsulak of Lansford, Pennsylvania, who will be honored with a retirement dinner on March 2, 2002.

Joe began his political career working for the late Congressman Francis "Tad" Walter of Easton in Washington, D.C., as an assistant publication officer. In 1971, he was appointed as Carbon County's chief clerk and served several county commissioners in that capacity over the next 20 years. During his terms as chief clerk, the commissioners entrusted him with additional responsibilities and named him the country's fiscal director to coordinate all fiscal and budgeting affairs of the country government.

During his service as country chief clerk, the state Association of County Commissioners asked him to serve on a state committee to create an instructional booklet on the duties and responsibilities of a county chief clerk. He accepted the challenge and contributed many administrative ideas to improve the way chief clerks do their jobs.

In 1993, Joe was elected to the first of two full terms as Carbon County treasurer. During his first term as treasurer, he installed a new computer system and upgraded the software to conform with the various changes in the hunting, fishing, and dog license regulations.

One of his primary duties as treasurer was serving on the Carbon County Employees Retirement Board. In his capacity as a fiduciary member of the board beginning in 1994 with a portfolio worth \$20 million, he set a goal of reaching \$50 million during his term of office, and this goal was reached in 2000. Joe was also instrumental in having the Retirement Board to evaluate its investment policies and strategies by engaging the services of a second investment manager to diversify the employee pension fund portfolio.

He served on the legislative and nominating committees of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Treasurers, and hosted two state conventions in Carbon County. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Finance Officers Association.

In December 2000, Joe was appointed to the Pennsylvania State Association of Elected County Officials to represent all treasurers in Pennsylvania. In this capacity, he met monthly with state legislators on the Local Government Commission in Harrisburg to discuss legislation pending in the state House of Representatives and state Senate.

Mr. Speaker, Joe also dedicated himself to serving his neighbors outside of his official capacity. He was active in the former Panther Valley Jaycees, serving as an officer on a local, regional and state level. He concluded his tenure in the Jaycees organization as a Pennsylvania state vice president and state chairman of a program called "Operation We Care" accepting the portfolio of the "Apple Butter Sunday" program. He coordinated the statewide program where Jaycee chapters raised funds for the mentally disadvantaged children of Pennsylvania. In two weeks the organization raised over \$400,000, and the funds were used to send children to summer camps to enjoy the fruits of recreation.

Also in his activities with the Jaycees, Joe had a major role in creating a "Leadership in Action" committee, and traveled throughout the region instructing Jaycee chapters in leadership skills and the importance of the use of the rules of parliamentary procedures in public meetings.

Joe is a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and a graduate of the former Lansford High School. A lifetime Democrat, he has served on the Carbon County Democratic Executive Committee and as a member of various Democratic clubs in the county.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives to the long public service of Joseph P. Orsulak, and I wish him a happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO BOB CALLEGARI

**HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend a devoted public servant, Bob Callegari, who is retiring following 31 years of dedicated service with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Bob and I have worked together in Philadelphia to advance many waterway projects and I am confident these projects will benefit the entire region for many years to come, serving as a legacy to the Army Corps, and the man responsible for their implementation.

Bob Callegari began his career in 1971, with the North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He served initially as an economist on the North Atlantic Regional Water Resources Study, and from 1972 to 1976 as the Chief of the New York Metro Study Section of the North East Water Supply Study, which resulted in the authorization, by Congress, of a \$3.2 billion water supply project.

From 1977 through 1987, Mr. Callegari served in the Passaic River Study Branch, New York District, as Technical Coordinator, Acting Branch Chief and Branch Chief. During his tenure, Mr. Callegari led the development of the largest Phase I General Design Memorandum at that time, a \$21 million effort. Additional projects totaling \$1.5 billion were authorized, including a flood warning system. As a result, Mr. Callegari's organization was the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding performance.

Bob Callegari came to the Philadelphia District as Chief of the newly organized Planning Division in 1987. At that time, the Philadelphia District had only five active planning studies and one project authorized for construction. Recognizing the needs of the region and the Corps unique capability in flood control, Bob effectively outreached to potential customers and partners generating widespread congressional support. His efforts resulted in an impressive increase in construction or planning projects.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure committee and in my previous role as ranking member of the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Development, I have worked closely with Mr. Callegari to advance projects crucial to improving and protecting the Philadelphia waterways. He believes, as I do, that we must enhance, preserve and protect our waterways, improving our environment in the process.

With congressional support, and Mr. Callegari's leadership, we have successfully reconstructed a seawall at the historic Glen Foerd on the Delaware and made needed waterway improvements at Pennypack Creek and